WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A toner comprising low-silicon magnetites.
- 2. The toner of claim 1, wherein the low-silicon magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.025 wt%.
- 3. The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.0025 wt%.
- 4. The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.001 wt%.
 - The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a brightness L* of from 50.0 to 60.00 CIELAB, a color tinge a* of -0.5 to 1.5 CIELAB, a color tinge b* of -3.0 to -7.0 CIELAB, a sphericity of 0.80 to 1.0, a coercive force of 30 to 70 oersted, a particle size of 0.1 to 1.0 μm, a sulfur content of 0.05 to 1.1 wt%, determined as SO₃, a manganese content of 0.05 to 0.5 wt%, a content of water-soluble components of less than 0.2 wt% and a pH of 4.0 to 8.5.